



ATTACHMENT B



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Frank BONADIO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3743
Application No.: 10/600,812) Examiner: Dinnatia DOSTER GREENE
Filed: June 20, 2003) Confirmation No. 7588
For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN)
SURGERY AND A VALVE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

DECLARATION OF ALAN REID

I, Alan Reid, a citizen of Ireland, declare as follows:

1. I am making this Declaration in support of obtaining benefit of the filing date of Irish Patent Application No. 930,649 ("the '649 application") in the above-referenced application ("the Bonadio application") in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 119(d). I understand that this Declaration will be filed in the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the Bonadio application.
2. I have reviewed the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the Bonadio application.
3. It is my understanding that under United States patent laws an individual is properly designated as an inventor on a U.S. patent or patent application provided the

individual is an inventor (joint or sole) of the subject matter of at least one claim. Based on this standard, I am properly designated as an inventor of the Bonadio application.

4. My contributions to the subject matter of the Bonadio application include, among other things, certain concepts recited in at least independent claims 25, 41, 72, and 86, and the entry seal assembly depicted in Figs. 5-7 of the Bonadio application. Accordingly, I believe that I am an inventor of certain subject matter of at least claims 25, 31-34, 41, 47-50, 72, 78-81, 86, and 92-95 of the Bonadio application, as these claims exist in the Reply to Office Action filed herewith.

5. I further believe that Frank Bonadio is properly designated as an inventor of the Bonadio application. Frank Bonadio's contributions include, among other things, certain concepts recited in at least independent claims 25, 41, 72, and 86 of the Bonadio application, as these claims exist in the Reply to Office Action filed herewith.

6. I have also reviewed the '649 application, titled "Apparatus for Use in a Surgery," filed September 6, 1993.

7. I am an inventor of certain subject matter disclosed in the '649 application. My contributions to the '649 application include, among other things, certain aspects of the patient coupling assembly depicted in Fig. 9, and of the entry seal assembly depicted in Figs. 5-7 of the '649 application.

8. I further believe that Frank Bonadio is an inventor of certain subject matter of the '649 application. Frank Bonadio's contributions to the '649 application include, among other things, certain aspects of the patient coupling assembly depicted in Fig. 9 of the '649 application.

9. I do not believe that Patrick Leahy is an inventor of the subject matter disclosed and/or claimed in the Bonadio application. Accordingly, I also do not believe that Patrick Leahy was an inventor of any subject matter of the '649 application that supports the claims of the Bonadio application, as these claims exist in the Reply to Office Action filed herewith.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 30/12/05

By: 
Alan Reid